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FINAL VOWS

The following have been approved for Final Vows, to be taken, Feast of the Purification, February 2, 1950:

Father Stephen B. Earley—San Francisco.

Father John J. Gordon—San Francisco.

Father J. Walshe Murray — Loyola University.

Father Joseph F. Rock—San Francisco.

Brother Wilson J. Straub—Alma College.

Brother Francis X. Uyeda—Los Gatos.

SODALITY CONFERENCE

The Province Sodality Conference was held at El Retiro on December 21 and December 22, 1949. More than fifty Jesuits attended. Besides from our three Universities and our three High Schools, representatives came from Alma College and the Juniorate at Los Gatos. The only regret was that the Christmas season prevented the Fathers engaged in parish work from attending. The success of the meeting could be well gauged by the earnestness and interest of all present as well as by the spontaneous comments afterward.

RETREATS

Jan. 27-Feb. 6: Holy Names College, Oakland; Fr. Joseph L. Martin.

Feb. 6-15: Postulants and Novices, Notre Dame Sisters, Saratoga; Fr. Cornelius J. Deeney.

ALMA

Dec. 25—After the haustus following Midnight Mass Father Rector named Mr. Maginnis beadle and Mr. Collins (Ore.) Sub-beadle.

Dec. 28—Mr. Lorono and his stonecutters from the Novitiate completed the shrine to St. Joseph at the head of Front Lake. The shrine was started ten years ago and has been standing unfinished ever since.

Jan. 1—Fr. Albertson was operated on for a hernia.

Jan. 4—While Fr. Donnelly was in hospital with pneumonia Father Rector took over his classes.

Jan. 7—Mr. Zabala is in the hospital for an operation on his arm. The boiler blew out this morning at 5:05. By 9:00 the place was freezing. Classes were called off.

Jan. 8—Sympathy for our freezing brethren in Europe grew greater by the hour. Plumbers started pounding on the boiler this morning. The pump that keeps it filled had failed to function, so the iron plate had buckled with the heat.

Jan. 10—A number of Theologians have been co-operating on a book about the lives of famous Jesuit Brothers. The project is nearing completion with 10 of the 15 lives already finished. Mr. Leary (Ore.) is directing the effort.

Jan. 11—The Brothers and workmen completed installation of the new boiler late yesterday evening, so we had heat and hot water this morning.

Jan. 12—11.07 inches of rain so far this year.

Jan. 14—Six or seven men have been in the infirmary during the past week with colds, etc.

Jan. 17—Notice was received that Dr. Draper (Alma's house physician for years) had a heart attack and died this evening.

Jan. 19—It was reported that Mr. McKenna will no longer be coming down from San Francisco for Speech Class. This will be a real loss.

BELLARMINE

Twenty-seven Christmas Baskets and \$203.00 were distributed to the poor by the Sodality under the direction of Father O'Gara.

Over fifty thousand stamps were collected for the Missions under the direction of Mr. Swain.

Dec. 21—Rector's Day was celebrated with a dinner. Many visitors attended

from the Northern California Houses.

Dec. 27—Father Duce held a meeting of the Principals at Bellarmine to discuss the semester examinations.

Dec. 28—Father David Walsh invited the Father Ministers of the Northern California houses to a special dinner which was a great success.

Jan. 5—Mr. Fitch's Sophomore debaters defeated the Sophomores of St. Peter's High in San Francisco. Mr. Swain's Junior debaters defeated the Juniors of St. Peter's. A return debate at Bellarmine has been scheduled for February 4th. Debates with St. Ignatius are scheduled here for Feb. 3rd. Debates with Merced will be Feb. 10.

Mr. Swain is publishing a monthly Sodality paper called "Our Lady's News."

The Sodality, under the direction of Father O'Gara, is preparing a very special "Renovation of Sodality Vows" on Feb. 2 for all the members.

Mr. Byrne took a group of the boarders to the hills to see and play in their first snow.

Mr. Mylott has organized a special "Pep Band" for the basketball games.

Over \$25,000.00 worth of tickets have been sold for the raffle of "Bellemanor." Several parishes are helping to sell tickets.

Henry Schmidt, the trainer of the University of Santa Clara, is to explain to the "Mothers' Guild" the safety measures that are being used for the teams at Bellarmine and Santa Clara. He will explain how safe it is to play in school games.

Father Fennell taught General Science and English for three weeks during the illness of Messrs. Burke and Brewer.

Father James King gave a talk to the Seniors about "College Requirements."

Father Carr is active in the Navy Reserve Corps meetings in San Jose. He has been called upon for several speeches.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Father Frugoli, the Director of the Sodality, has announced that plans are being made for the pilgrimage to Rome by our Sodalists. We are collaborating with the Union Sodality of the Archdiocese in this project.

The Jesuit Dads, a newly formed organization, held its winter meeting in a downtown restaurant.

The Christmas Dinner for the community was held on December 27. Mem-

bers of neighboring communities from Loyola University, Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Blessed Sacrament Church as well as Bishop McGucken were present at the dinner.

Our Junior-Senior Debating Society, under the capable direction of Mr. Fisher, placed fourth in the Annual Southern California Debate Tournament.

During the holidays, the second floor classrooms were completely equipped with fluorescent lighting.

The Loyola Dads' Club held its annual Basketball rally at the beginning of the Catholic League. Congratulations were generously extended the team and coach for their splendid record in the preliminaries, and plans were made for the activities of the Dads' Club for the coming year.

Nullifying all rumors that he would retire from the mentor position on our baseball team, Fr. John Gaffney opened baseball practice with a very large turnout.

The members of the high school R. O. T. C. unit are now wearing "Eisenhower Jackets," the newest apparel for the reserve officers.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Dec. 21-22—Fathers Rector, Benecke, Kilp, and Mr. Mahoney attended the Province Sodality Meeting held at El Retiro.

Dec. 25—The Scholastics from the University joined those of the High School at Christmas and celebrated at the High School early Christmas morning.

Dec. 29—Messrs. Fernandez, Hildale, Johnson, Porter, and Zimmers joined the community for a few days vacation with the University Scholastics at the University.

Jan. 5—Fr. Rector was one of the four guest speakers on the George Washington Carver Memorial broadcast. Father represented the field of education and spoke on "George Washington Carver, the Man," extolling the famous scientist for his virtues as a man and as a great American. The program was sponsored as a tribute to the memory of the founder of the famous Tuskegee Institute which has done so much to advance the cause of the American Negro. Other speakers included Kirk Douglas, motion picture producer Stanley Marmer, and former heavyweight champion Joe Louis.

Jan. 9-11—Fr. Rector attended the annual convention of the Association of American Colleges held at Cincinnati.

The theme of the convention this year was "Great Teaching—the Essence of Liberal Education."

Jan. 12—The Education Department and Counseling Bureau moved into new and more spacious quarters. Private offices are provided for all members of the staff and secretary, filing space, and conference room and testing bureau. This expansion has resulted from the rapid growth of the Department.

Jan. 14—Ten new students took the Department examination for entrance into the Education Department. This brings the full time membership in the department to over fifty students.

Fr. Ryan has returned from South America and taken up his duties again as Acting Head of the English Department. For many months Father has been in Brazil lecturing in Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian centers of culture. Father's lectures at the Pontifical Catholic University of Brazil in Rio were attended by forty-one pupils.

Dec. 31—Fr. Darrell F. X. Finnegan preached the New Year's Eve Holy Hour for Bishop McGucken at St. Andrew's Church in Pasadena.

Fathers Murray and Parrish are both in the hospital. Fr. Murray is recovering from a tonsilectomy and Fr. Parrish from an operation on an old knee injury that has been bothering him for some time.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Jan. 2—Vacations ended. This year Mr. Dempsey (3rd yr. Cal.), Mr. Dowd (2nd yr. Cal.) and Mr. Hayes (1st yr. Ore.) formed the Christmas Committee.

Jan. 6—Job changes: Mr. Nigro (2nd yr. Ore) is new beadle, Mr. J. Rock (2nd yr. Cal.) is new sub-beadle, Mr. De-Filips (2nd yr. Ore.) is new librarian, and Mr. Saenz (2nd yr. Ore.) took over the duties of directing the world famous choir.

Jan. 15—The Philosophers played some of the faculty from Gonzaga in hockey.

Jan. 18—Father Rector's Day (Feast of Saint Peter's Chair). In the evening the pictures of the Notre Dame-Washington game were shown and commented on by Coach Frazier of Gonzaga.

Jan. 13-19—This week brought quite a spell of cold weather with much snow. There were 14 inches in one night, and January 13 the temperature went to 17 degrees below.

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

Christmas Supply

Fr. St. Sure—St. Theresa's, Fresno.
Fr. Schechtel — St. Mary's Walnut Creek.

Fr. Playoust—St. John's, Wasco.
Fr. Silva—St. Joan of Arc's, Yountville.

Fr. Brusher—St. Brendan's, San Francisco.

Fr. Moore—Sacred Heart, Salinas.
Fr. Kavanagh—St. Finbar's, Burbank.

Dec. 21, 22—Four Juniors sat in on the Province Sodality Meeting at El Retiro on the first day. Five other Juniors attended the second meeting.

Dec. 29, 30—Fr. Brusher attended the meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association at Mills College.

Dec. 31—Fr. Spohn left today after spending several days here.

Mr. Swain, S.J., of Bellarmine, spent the Christmas holidays at Los Gatos.

Jan. 8—Fr. John T. Curran began a series of Scripture talks to the Juniors this evening. These informal talks will be given on Sunday evenings at irregular intervals during the coming semester. They are aimed at enabling the Juniors to read with greater understanding, the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles of St. Paul.

Jan. 12—Fr. Daniel J. Charlton arrived today. He has just completed his classical studies at Harvard University. He will succeed Fr. Cahill as Juniorate Greek teacher. Fr. Cahill will resume his special studies.

Jan. 15—Fr. Gordon left after spending a week at the Novitiate. He gave several talks to the Novices on the China Mission.

Jan. 16—Fr. Fionan C. Brannigan, S.J. of the English Province arrived yesterday. He gave the Novices and Juniors a talk on the Slavonic Byzantine Rite of which he is a member.

This morning Fr. Brannigan celebrated Mass in his rite for the community. The ceremonies (including the priest's preparation before mass) began at 5:30 and lasted for a little over two hours. Nine members of the Juniorate Choir assisted with some of the responses to the various litanies that frequently occur in the Slavonic Rite. Mimeographed sheets describing the ceremonies were a great aid in enabling those present to follow the Mass. One of the Juniors acted as commentator and explained the actions of the celebrant during the Mass.

Communion was received under both species.

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Jan. 18—Fr. Master returned today after giving an eight-day retreat at the newly opened Novitiate of the Holy Family Sisters at Mission San Jose.

Jan. 20—Beginning of the new semester.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

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Jan. 8—The Brnco Football team arrived back in Santa Clara to be welcomed by over twelve thousand enthusiastic devotees. At the reception in the University Auditorium sincere and eloquent tributes were paid to the conquering heroes by Father Stretch in the name of the University, and by Governor Warren in behalf of the people of the State of California.

Jan. 9—Victor Steffan of the Class of '38 was appointed Alumni Secretary.

Jan. 17—News of the death of Doctor David Draper of San Jose, a prominent member of the Alumni Association and benefactor of the University.

Jan. 19—Varsity Football team the guests of the Lions Club of Santa Clara at a banquet in Lucca's Restaurant. Among the members of the faculty present were Father President and Fathers Tobin, H. Walsh, Donavon and Shipsey.

SAN FRANCISCO

Church

In accordance with the papal suggestion for the opening of the Holy Year, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated at midnight on New Year's Eve. A very great part of a large congregation received Holy Communion.

The customary Te Deum service was held on New Year's Eve in the church, at which Fr. James Lyons preached the sermon.

To facilitate attendance at daily Mass during the Holy Year, an additional Mass at nine o'clock will be celebrated during the year.

Community

Father Cody and Fr. McKee were confined to the hospital for a short time with minor ailments.

University

Fr. Rossi has received an invitation from Stanford University to serve as a member of the panel on Portuguese language, during a meeting devoted to Brazilian studies.

Fr. Peter Dunne was the principal speaker at a dinner given to celebrate Printers' Week.

Fr. President (William Dunne) attended the executive meeting of the University and College Division of the National Educational Association in New York.

Jan. 2—The faculty, Alumni and students of the University spent part of the day by the side of the radio, where they listened with gratification to the play by play broadcast of the Orange Bowl game in which the Broncos came off with flying colors.

Jan. 3—Return of the basketball team from their trip back east.

The College Players opened the 1950 season with a production of the popular political satire "State of the Union." The play ran for three nights in the University auditorium.

The "Wasmann Collector" is now published exclusively by the University of San Francisco. It was previously co-published with Loyola University of Los Angeles. The Collector has an international high reputation for its articles, requests coming from libraries and universities all over the world. With the next issue the name will be changed and the format enlarged.

The History Department was represented at the Historical Convention held at Mills College by Fathers Peter Dunne and John McGloin.

The soccer team which had been invited to play in St. Louis against Penn State for a mythical national collegiate championship, ended the season with a 2-2 tie. By a misunderstanding, the officials added more time to the game and Penn State scored the tying goal in the last thirty seconds. USF has been Collegiate Champion on the West Coast for the past four years.

The annual Winter Carnival was hailed as a social and financial success, by members of the student body committee in charge. It was held at the Scottish Rite auditorium.

The literary quarterly featured the Jesuit Centennial along with some excellent photos of the new altar in the church.

High School

The San Francisco Scholastics spent a most enjoyable week after Christmas at Santa Clara. They were also guests of the Theologians for a day.

Jan. 13 — The Freshman Elocution Contest was held in the High School Auditorium before a meager crowd. Winners were ably coached by Messrs. Menard, McFadden, and Henry. Fr. William Finnegan was one of the judges.

Jan. 15—The Fathers' Club held their second annual Cana Conference under the direction of Fr. Eugene Toner. 86 parents attended the exercises in the High School.

Thus far the High School Basketball team is tied for first place in the city league with a record of four-one. Mr. LoSchiavo has been coaching the "Thirties" who have a record of one won and four lost.

Recently several donations have been made to the High School Chapel. The Jesuit Mothers donated a set of vestments and a monstrance and tabernacle veil have been given by some generous friends.

The school ROTC unit has been equipped with new "Eisenhower" jackets. This new look adds greatly to the "sharpness" of the group.

Jan. 18—Fr. Tichenor gave a talk at a meeting of the Richmond Neighborhood Youth Improvement Association. The group is concerned with correcting delinquency in that area.

Starting on Jan. 14, the High School Scholastics generously gave fifteen man-hours to the necessary task of sorting and stapling the Province Exams for the three high schools of the Province.

Jan. 23, 24 and 25—Semester exams in the high school to be followed by a four day break.

Jan. 20—Fr. Joseph O'Gara gave an inspiring talk on "Syllabi" at the monthly general teachers' meeting.

During the two weeks preceding semester exam meetings of the teachers of each year have been held to discuss the scholastic merits of outstanding students.

With few interruptions, the weekly meetings of the Scholastics with the principals are being continued. Of late, they have been characterized by a lively discussion on the improvement of the spirituality of the school.

Plans for the new High School gym have gone out to contractors for bids. Actual construction should begin some time during the Spring Semester.

RECENT DEATHS

Father Eugene Cummings on December 16 at Boston, Mass.

Father Michael Stritch on December 31 at St. Louis, Mo.

Brother John McShea on January 8 at Worcester, Mass.

Brother John Carrick on January 15 at Chicago, Ill.

Litter. Dimis. accepit: William M. Bates, Third Year Regent.

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